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BRIEF NOTES

Babylonian Titles of Medical Textbooks

In CT 14, plate 23, the obverse of K 9283 and K 259 are reproduced. The former tablet deals with the treatment of bites and stings of venomous animals; the latter is a pharmaco-therapeutic list for toothache, shaking tooth, and tooth-decay. The reverse of neither of the tablets is there published. The obverse of K 259 was first reproduced together with K 191 by Sayce and is widely used in the literature. The lack of reproductions of the reverse has been a handicap in the determination of the relationship of the different pharmaco-therapeutic series of tablets. The authorities of the British Museum have allowed the reverse to be photographed, and a reproduction of it accompanies this note.

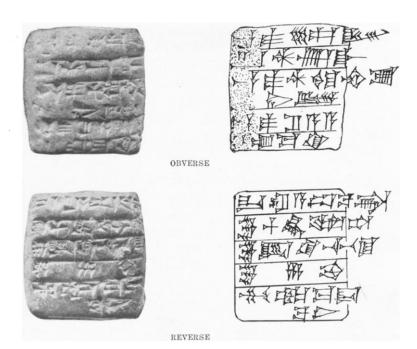
The principal part is the phraseology known from every colophon of Assurbanipal's library. Of the first extant line of the reverse of K 259 only traces are preserved. The end of this line and the next 3 lines read: nisik tupsaruti ša ina šarani alik maḥrîa mamma šipru šuatu la ihuzu mala bâšmu ina tuppani aštur asnik abrîma ana tamarti šitassîa kirib ikallîa ukin. The signs of the lacuna are: TI KIB SA AN IV U LI. first part of the phraseology (nisik to ukin) recurs in every tablet of the sualu series, and there a longer passage of the lacuna shows the real title of the medical textbook of which the three sualu tablets form a separate volume. The above lacuna of K 259 is again the real title of a large series of tablets containing the materia medica, the indication of the special drug, and its special application, arranged in classified form in three columns. It was some sort of Babylonian practitioner's memorandum.

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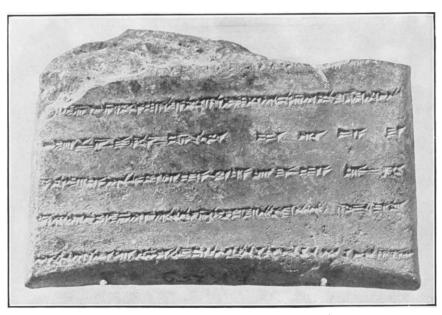
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The Name Hammurabi

Since the appearance of Ungnad's note on 'Ammurapi,' ZA 22 (1908), p. 7 f., the spelling *Hammurapi* has gradually been displacing the older transcription of the name of the greatest



TABLET FROM DREHEM DATED IN THE REIGN OF DUNGI, KING OF UR (See Nies, 'The Reading of GIŠ-ÚḤki')



REVERSE OF TABLET K259 OF THE KUYOUNJIK COLLECTION, BRITISH MUSEUM

(See von Oefele, 'Babylonian Titles of Medical Textbooks')